

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. EGMA 48100
TO INFO	Chief of Base, Berlin Chief, CLS Chief of Station, Germany Chief, EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. Unknown Field File X/LANGE, Herbert
FROM	Chief of Base, Munich		DATE 22 March 1960
SUBJECT	UPSWING/CART/Operations Name Trace Request - Herbert LANGE		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	Traces		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	None		
<p>1. UPSWING has requested priority traces on the basis of operational interest on one</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herbert *LANGE (Kriminalrat or ex-Kriminalrat) Born 29 September 1909 in Menzlin,</p> <p>According to UPSWING information, Subject at one time held the post either of SS-Sturmabfuhrer or SS-Standartenfuhrer and was one of the leading members of the Special Commission "20 July 1944". UPSWING has also stated that Subject was given the nicknames "the tall thin LANGE" and "the right hand of SS-Gruppenfuhrer MUELLER" in order to differentiate him from others of the same name.</p> <p>2. UPSWING has traces on the following two individuals, but has not been able to make a positive identification of either of them with Subject:</p> <p>a. Dr. Leo *LANGE Born about 1900 Residing Berlin-Karlshorst:</p> <p>According to UPSWING, Dr. LANGE is believed to have been a member of the border police in the Aachen area before the war. From October until December 1940 he was a teacher in the "Fuehrerschule" of the Security Police in Berlin-Charlottenburg with the rank of SS-Hauptsturmfuehrer. At some later date unknown to UPSWING, Dr. LANGE was promoted to the rank of SS-Sturmabfuhrer. As a leading member of the Fourth Department of the RSHA, LANGE is said to have taken part in the investigations in connection with the attempt on Hitler's life on 20 July 1944. It was claimed in a press report in 1949 that LANGE was an agent of the MGB and that he had taken part in a meeting of "functionaries" at the Hotel Imperial in Karlsbad. In the autumn of 1949 Dr. LANGE was listed in West Berlin newspapers as chief of a special interrogation office of the MGB and K5 in Bautzen, and early in 1950 he was described as a former SS-Standartenfuhrer who at that time was a leading functionary of the MfS.</p> <p>b. Herbert *LANGE Born about 1907-1909 Residing Berlin-Pankow, Brixenerstrasse.</p> <p>UPSWING information from early 1959 indicates that this Herbert LANGE is married, and that he is believed to be Volkspolizei Commissioner in the Police Presidium in East Berlin in charge of motor vehicles, as well as a Liaison Officer to the RIS.</p> <p>3. Munich Base files contain the following traces on Herbert LANGE who appears to be identical with the Subject of the UPSWING request:</p> <p>a. MGIA 12929, 26 August 1952, which forwarded UPSWING information passed to liaison services in the second quarter of 1952, stated that one Herbert LANGE, date and place of birth not given, had been Sturmabfuhrer or Standartenfuhrer in the RSHA and was at that time alleged to be Chief of the MfS Berlin. He was known as the "Grosse Schlanke LANGE" and had</p>			
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once been the right-hand man of the former Chief of Amt IV of the RSHA, Heinrich MUELLER. This LANGE was believed to be identical with one Leo LANGE, date and place of birth unknown.

b. ECLA 10749, 20 September 1954 which forwarded an UPSWING memorandum on the Otto JOHN case stated that one Oberregierungsrat Dr. Fnu LANGE, formerly SS-Sturmabfuhrer in the RSHA and who at that time belonged to the MfS, was alleged to have been assigned to take care of Otto JOHN during the time JOHN was kept at the MVD safehouse in Bernau in 1954. This Fnu LANGE was believed to be identical with Dr. Leo LANGE, described in paragraph 2a above, and with Herbert LANGE, who had formerly been SS-Standartenfuhrer, and right hand of the former SS-Gruppenfuhrer MUELLER in Amt IV of the RSHA but who was then an MfS functionary in Berlin.

4. Munich Base files contain no information on Leo LANGE in addition to that contained in the UPSWING request.

5. CLS and COS/G: Please trace Subject with the Services, indicating in your reply which part of the information forwarded is suitable for passing to UPSWING. All-Agency Check Forms under separate cover.

Approved

Attachments - A. All-Agency Check Forms y.s.c.
B. Untranslated UPSWING Memorandum h/w

Distribution:

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EGMA 10064, 26 May 1960

1. Station files contain
No identifiable information on Subject.
2. Negative replies have been
Received from MID, OSI + A-2!!

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